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SUBJECT: USE OF HELICOPTERS TO RELIEVE LAGOS/APAPA PORT  
CONGESTION

REF: LAGOS 6267

DURING CONVERSATION WITH DR. LATEEF ADGBITE,  
ATTORNEY GENERAL OF WESTERN STATE AND CLOSE ADVISOR  
OF GOVERNOR ROTIMI I WAS GIVEN A PUZZLING BIT OF  
INFORMATION ON SUBJECT SCHEME. ACCORDING TO ADEGBITE,  
FMG SOMEWHAT RELUCTANT TO USE HELICOPTERS TO DECONGEST  
PORT BECAUSE OF FEARS OF "MILITARY THREAT" SUCH CRAFT  
MIGHT POSE. I WAS UNABLE TO ELICIT MUCH CLARIFICATION  
OF THIS, BUT I GATHER THAT FMG WORRIED THAT HELICOPTERS  
RUN BY FOREIGN NATIONALS MIGHT BE USED BY A FOREIGN  
POWER TO ATTACK NIGERIA. ADEGBITE HIMSELF DISCOUNTED  
ABOVE PARANOID SCENARIO. I HAVE NO WAY OF KNOWING  
WHETHER FMG OFFICIALS IN FACT FEEL THIS WAY, BUT  
IT SEEMS UNLIKELY THAT ADEGBITE WOULD CONCOCT  
SUCH A FANTASTIC STORY.  
HOPE

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